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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE ETHIOPIAN ATTACKS ON BORDER VILLAGES

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1. I MET TODAY WITH FOREIGN MINISTER WAIYAKI TO MAKE DEMARCH AS INSTRUCTED REFTEL. WAIYAKI, WHO HAS JUST RETURNED FROM AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO ADDIS ABABA, AGREED THAT RENEWED ESCALATION OF THE CONFLICT SHOULD BE AVOIDED IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, IN THE HOPES THAT THE TIME COULD BE USED BY THE OAU GOOD OFFICES COMMITTEE IN ITS ATTEMPT TO REACH A SETTLEMENT BETWEEN ETHIOPIA AND SOMALIA.

2. AT THE SAME TIME, WAIYAKI POINTED OUT THAT EHTIOPIA'S PATIENCE WOULD NOT LAST FOREVER. THE ETHIOPIAN FOREIGN MINISTER TOLD WAIYAKI THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WANTED TO MAKE VERY SURE IT HAD INTERNATIONAL LAW ON ITS SIDE. IT HAD,
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THEREFORE, HALTED ITS TROOPS AT THE BORDER AND HAD HAD NO INTENTION OF GOING FURTHER. ETHIOPIA STILL HOPED THAT IT COULD AVOID PUNATIVE MEASURES AGAINST SOMALIA. BUT, THE ETHIOPIAN MINISTER ADDED, IT THE MOGADISCIO GOVERNMENT CONINUED TO SUPPORT THE INSURGENCY IN THE OGADEN WITH BOTH PERSONNEL AND MATERIEL, ETHIOPIA WOULD RETALIATE AGAINST HARGEISA, BERBERA, AND EVEN MOGADISCIO, IF IT

TOOK THAT TO CONVINCE THE SOMALIS TO TERMINATE THEIR
AGGRESSION AGAINST ETHIOPIA.

3. WAIYAKI SAID HE WOULD INSTRUCT HIS AMBASSADOR IN
ETHIOPIA TO CONTACT THE EPMG TO URGE THAT POSSIBLE ATTACKS
AGAINST BORDER VILLAGES OR RETALIATORY ACTIONS NOT BE
CARRIED OUT BEFORE OAU HAS HAD FURTHER OPPORTUNITY TO
RESOLVE THE PROBLEM. IN MY PRESENCE, HE ALSO INSTRUCTED
ONE OF HIS UNDER SECRETARIES TO CALL IN THE ETHIOPIAN
AMBASSADOR AND MAKE THE SAME POINT.

4. COMMENT: WAIYAKI WAS CLEARLY DISTURBED AT THE NEWS OF
THE POSSIBLE ESCALATION, AND IT WAS EVIDENT THAT HE WAS
SINCERE IN OFFERING KENYA'S GOOD OFFICES TO URGE RESTRAINT
ON THE ETHIOPIANS. ON THE OTHER HAND, IF SOMALI PROVOCATIONS
CONTINUE AND THE INSURGENCY IN THE OGADEN DOES NOT ABATE,
KENYA WILL UNDERSTAND (AND WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY APPROVE)
ETHIOPIAN REACTION AGAINST SOMALIA.

5. FURTHER DETAILS OF MY CONVERSATION WITH WAIYAKI
WILL FOLLOW BY SEPTTEL.
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